



## Co-op Market Grocery & Deli 2019 Donation Request Form

Co-op Market is proud to work with others in our community to enhance quality of life for our friends and neighbors. **Please review our Donation Policy before submitting your request.**

Organization Name Guys Read Gals Read, Inc.

Contact Name Bernaardo Hernandez Date 11-30-18

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Type of Organization:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental   | <input type="checkbox"/> Community              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health-oriented | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____           |

Have you received any donations from Co-op Market within the last year? Y / N

Type of donation you are requesting:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Certificate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lend-a-Hand Register Round-up* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Basket      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food             |  |

*\*If you are submitting a Lend-a-Hand request, **please apply by 11/30/18**. Include a detailed statement on your letterhead of your organization's goals, how they align with our mission, and how the donations will be used to meet them.*

How will Co-op Market's participation be recognized? News Miner appreciation ads in addition to "applause articles," "donated by" labels placed inside books donated to the schools," etc.

If your request is being made for an event, please provide the following information:

Event Name/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Event \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

Please send along with your request:

- Any additional materials (flyers, posters, brochures) that represent your organization or event.
- Proof of non-profit status (501C3), if applicable.

November 30, 2018

Lend A Hand Program  
CO-OP Market Grocery & Deli  
526 Gaffney Road  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

To Whom It May Concern:

We at Guys and Gals Read request to be part of the Lend a Hand Program for 2019. The Guys and Gals Read Program organizes community volunteers to read fun and exciting books to 4th graders in elementary schools. The Guys and Gals program is a non-profit and was initiated here in Fairbanks. It has been operating for 13 years. Approximately 45 men and 35 women read to about 1100 children twice a year. Men read to male students and women read to female students.

The Guys and Gals Read Program not only recruits and trains volunteers to read, but it also purchases the books that are read so that at least 6 copies remain in each school library for children to check out. Books are selected with input from the school district.

The problem we are addressing is that the majority of American boys and many girls stop reading for pleasure around the 4th grade. By reading exciting and enjoyable books to children at this age level, we are trying to stimulate their desire to read for fun and thereby enhance their comprehension, vocabulary and other skills. Furthermore, by having grown men read to boys, for example, the men serve as role models for boys suggesting that reading is "a cool thing to do" for guys.

Our Mission is to stimulate an interest in reading in children by making reading fun and exciting. This furthers our overarching goal of helping children achieve success in school and in life through improved literacy skills. This aligns with the Co-op Market goal of creating a knowledgeable community.

We are making a difference. I can personally attest to the excitement generated by this program. After reading a book during lunchtime, I have seen boys scrambling to the librarian to be the first to check out the book we had just finished reading. That is exciting to see!

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this funding. Please contact me at 687-8806 if you need more information.

Sincerely,

Bernardo Hernandez  
Vice President Guys/Gals Read



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**READ**

**Gals**  
**read**



# THE ALASKA

**GUYS** **Gals**  
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## SUCCESS STORY

### What is it?

The Guys and Gals Read programs successfully excites 4th grade boys and girls about books and reading by making it fun. The programs' effective approach was created in Fairbanks by librarians and is managed by Guys Read Gals Read, Inc., a 501c3 nonprofit organization (EIN 47-2634465).

### Why 4<sup>th</sup> Grade?

Most boys and many girls stop reading for pleasure around their 4th grade year, often due to a lack of adult reader role models and access to fun books.

### How Does it Work?

- Volunteers who appreciate reading visit schools during the 4th grade lunchtime and read the first part of fresh, heavily-illustrated, and "kid-friendly" books.
- Schools are visited by readers four times in the fall and four times in the winter.
- Each featured book is read from one time, and multiple copies of the books are donated to the school libraries beforehand.

### Does It Work?

- Our Guys Read program has won two national awards for its promotion of academic achievement and its innovative approach to literacy.
- Other communities in Alaska and the Lower 48 have successfully adopted the program.

### How Can I Help?

- Volunteer to read: It's fun, convenient and gratifying! Programs run for two weeks and reading sessions last less than 30 minutes.
- Sponsor the Program: Guys and Gals Read is entirely funded by private tax-deductible donations and in-kind support from businesses, organizations, and individuals.

### Promote Reading

- Spread the word about the importance of reading in school, work, and life.
- Read to the children in your life, and let them see you read to yourself.
- Share your love of books and reading with others.

### Where Can I Learn More?

Visit our website: [GuysGalsRead.org](http://GuysGalsRead.org)  
Write: P.O. Box 196, Ester, AK 99725



From: Greg Hill hillofbooks@gmail.com  
Subject: Two-page 501 c3 letter  
Date: November 29, 2017 at 5:17 PM  
To: Bernardo Hernandez bbhb816@ak.net

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JUL 13 2016

GUYS READ-GALS READ INC  
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ESTER, AK 99725-0196

Employer Identification Number:  
47-2634465  
DLN:  
17053057302036  
Contact Person:  
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(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
January 26, 2015  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

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GUYS READ-GALS READ INC

Sincerely,



Jeffrey I. Cooper  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements